

The evening before the New Year we went in our plain black silk dresses to a family party a Baron Louis. I had the pleasure of seeing a merry circle of little boys at home for the holidays & this evening visitors of young Louis - Early in the evening a table was spread with all sorts of things - port wine, work boxes, baskets of bonbons &c & all the young people had a ticket in the lottery consisting of them & the prizes were numerous - when this was finished they had a beautiful penmanship, in which only the ladies were allowed to take a chance - I was the fortunate name - Then followed a beautiful painted port folio &c. It was a lively interesting scene. The cards were call by a nephew of Madam Louis, young Hugo who is also a nephew of Victor Hugo & he did his part well - then followed the supper or tea

My dear
I shall not forget to subscribe a grant
Believe me
Gravett
when you were ever so much occupied with your business & I trust that you are quite well - I am sure that you will find Mr. Burt that you were in pocket in London just week - it is a long way from us & yet I feel as if we were well bound - I am we are looking forward to seeing you here - Do you know that your object of now intended to return to Boston in the early spring - the pulchrit of Mr. Augustus Smith's sister received a letter from Mr. Torrey a few days since in which she speaks her of the birth of Sarah's son & speaks of Mary as perfectly restored - she is

very much afflicted by the death of
your Grandfather which he was
to her a most kind & devoted Parent
I can easily sympathize in her feelings
for I was attached to him & grateful
to him for his tender kindness to
my dear Sister his ready sympathy
added very much to her happiness.
You must be sad to be from home, we
always must at such a time.

When we parted from so many
dear friends we could not but
fear that some among the number
we should never meet again - but
in our short sightedness we fancied
which would be taken to their long
home - I little thought that Leggie
Bancroft would survive her young
& healthy brother - I have written me
that Leggie is a support & comfort
to her Mother & that Leggie's state of
health had prepared both her Mother
& herself for any event - & that they

are enabled to bear this affliction
with more resignation than the former
I think so much of your Uncle Bancroft
the third child that he has lost in his
absence - Your brother William has
brought your Grandfather's pens - but
I dare say I tell you nothing but what
you have heard before.

We are all enjoying Paris very much
particularly your Uncle Lowell
& I shall be sorry when we break
up in the Spring - It will seem like
casting ourselves upon the world
again - John is a nice correspondent
since he went home - & he is very
happy making one of Lou's family
he tells me he finds it an extremely
well regulated one - I little thought
he thinks he must be allowed to
consider very bright - she supplies
Sarah's place in writing her in the
morning &c. We have been prevented
from joining in any of the party, but